

Letter Form Washington.

As if to demonstrate its complete approval of the president's message, congress has immediately gone to work to frame such trust legislation as Mr. Roosevelt has indicated as desirable. As it is deemed wise to embody in the proposed law a tax feature, not particularly for the purpose of raising revenue, but in order that there may be no question as to the constitutionality of the enactment, it has been determined to permit the house committee on judiciary to frame and report the law. The committee is already actively engaged, the trust bill of Representative Littlefield, of Maine, having been taken as a basis and having been favorably reported by the sub-committee to which it was first referred.

Mr. Littlefield's bill in its present shape provides for that publicity which the president has designated as so desirable, by requiring every corporation or similar institution with a capital stock in excess of \$500,000 to make annual returns showing all the important data concerning its business, to the Interstate commerce commission. It further provides for a tax of 1 per cent, on all stock issued in excess of what is regarded as actually paid up cash or its equivalent. While the Interstate commerce commission will conduct the details of enforcement the attorney general is instructed to prosecute all cases which the commission reports as failing to comply with the provisions of the law. Suitable penalties are, of course, provided for infractions. In this connection, the bill of Representative Hepburn which provides for an appropriation of \$500,000 to enable the attorney general to adequately prosecute such cases against the trusts as he may deem it necessary to bring, becomes of the utmost importance.

Most of the republican leaders of the senate have signified not only their willingness to further anti-trust legislation in accordance with the president's recommendations, but predict that such law will be enacted. Senator Hoar has said he feared the short session would not afford an opportunity to do the subject justice but, if a satisfactory law is passed by the house, it is not likely that the senator from Massachusetts will stand in its way.

Senator Lodge has introduced a bill providing for the reduction of the tariff on imports from the Philippines from 75 to 25 per cent, of the Dingley rates. This bill is in entire accordance with the views of Secretary Root and Governor Taft and will doubtless become a law. It is further regarded as paving the way for greater liberality with Cuba. Another important measure affecting the Philippines, which Senator Lodge will bring in at an early date, will provide for a gold standard in the islands. Vice-Governor Luke E. Wright, who is in Washington, speaks in glowing terms of American administration in the islands and states that, when the two bills referred to have been enacted,

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The Chicago merchant tells the Tribune of that city that he uses various methods of advertising, but nothing else until his newspaper space has been contracted for. "No other medium brings such immediate or such large returns. Considering the result it is by all odds the cheapest."

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The newspaper brings seller and buyer together, and thus is entitled to hold first place in the matter of advertising.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1 at W. R. Barton's."

Stock Pasture.

Will furnish good stock pasture at following rates: Cattle, all ages, 50 cents per month; horses, \$1.00 per month. J. J. FRUIN.

the Philippines will experience an era of prosperity, heretofore unknown in the islands.

The only cloud on the republican sky is furnished by the omnibus territorial bill. Senator Beveridge and his committee after looking over the territories, reported the bill with the recommendations that only Oklahoma be admitted to statehood. The New England senators all oppose the admission of the territories but many of the western republicans believe that it will be a mistake to refuse admission as republican sentiment is growing in the South and, with the personal popularity of the president to incite it, together with the fact that the republican party fathered their statehood, it would be easy to make of the three territories steadfast adherents of republican principles. Senator Quay has by no means given up the fight he has been making in favor of the territories and there promises to be a sharp contest in the senate before the matter is disposed of.

The senate committee on military affairs has favorably reported the militia reorganization bill, which was introduced by Representative Dick and passed by the house at the last session. This bill was originally drawn in accordance with views of the secretary of war and provides for the organization of the "reserve military strength" of the nation. Briefly it provides for the drill and armament of the militia in accordance with the regulations prevailing in the regular army. It permits the president, in time of war or emergency, to call on the governors of states for military assistance and permits the use of the state forces as entireties, without separate enlistment or commissions. It provides for a reserve force of those who have served in either the regular army or the militia, who shall meet from time to time for drill and camp service and for a roll of officers who, having served for a certain time, shall pass an examination and be certified as worthy of commissions when such are required.

Senator Proctor has brought in the army reorganization bill, drafted by Secretary Root, and which is a modification of the bill introduced last year for the same purpose. It provides for the command of the army by a general staff, instead of by a single lieutenant general as is now the case. The secretary of war has succeeded in overcoming the opposition which last year attended this measure and it is said to stand an excellent chance of enactment.

The secretary of war is being besieged, these days, by President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railway, and by the representatives of the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific systems all of whom are looking for the contract for the transportation of troops across the Pacific. It has been determined to abandon the government transport service and the private companies are all anxious to secure the contract.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d St. Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at W. R. Barton's."

We learn from the Constitution that at a meeting of the barbers union at Chillicothe last Monday, Marion Thompson, who a few years ago conducted a shop in Laclede and a son of a Silas Thompson, a local real estate agent, was elected a delegate to the state meeting to be held at Jefferson City three days, beginning January 22. The object of the meeting is to ask the legislature to extend the provisions of the barber examining law to every barber in the state. At present it applies only to cities of 5000 and over.

Coughing Spell Caused Death. "Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1 at W. R. Barton's.

The Southern Republicans.
Several democratic papers are speaking about what they call the "feebleness of the republican party in the South." The republicans in the South are unquestionably feeble. They poll very few votes in the old slave states outside of Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia. None of the electoral votes of any of the eleven states of the Jefferson Davis Confederacy are ever cast for a republican candidate for the presidency these days. None, probably will be cast for a republican in 1904, and perhaps none in 1908.

But what of it? This is not a matter on which the republican party of the nation needs any commiseration. The republicans can win without any votes from the old Confederate region. They have been winning some victories recently without getting any aid from the states which had the capital at Montgomery a little over a third of a century ago. No bid for the Southern vote will be made at the republican national convention of 1904. The republican candidate of that year will not make any special effort to attract any Southern support. The party and the candidate will stand up for robust republican doctrine on all the issues of the day, and will give very little attention to what the South at that time says or thinks.

The democratic papers which are referring to the feebleness of the republican party in the South ought to understand that it is the South and not the republican party that needs the condoleance on this account. The republican party can stand the vote suppression in the South much better than the South can. The great issues of 1902, 1903, 1904 and the rest of the years will be dealt with by the republican party as they arise, regardless altogether of what the South believes or says on these questions. Partisan solidarity and rigidity like the South's at the present time is a bad thing for the region which is afflicted by it, for it is apt to incite a counter rigidity in the rest of the country. The element which is responsible for the extirpation of the republicans in Dixie Land is making republican success throughout the nation certain and overwhelming.—Globe-Democrat.

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The St. Louis and San Francisco railroad company have inaugurated a special one-way colonist rates to the southwest in effect from October, 1902, to April, 1903, and includes the territory of South Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. Date of sale, Nov. 4 and 18, Dec. 2 and 6, 1902, and Jan. 6 and 20, Feb. 3 and 17, March 3 and 17, and April 7 and 21, 1903. Tickets limited to continuous passage from starting point to destination. The rate is one-half of one way standard rate plus \$2. For further information write Bryan Snyder, passenger traffic manager, St. Louis, Mo.

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91	Way freight, west-bound.	6:30 a m	7:05 a m	6:00 p m	
93	Way freight, west-bound.	6:30 a m	7:05 a m	6:00 p m	
10	To Hannibal, St. Louis and east from the west.	11:25 a m	12:15 p m	6:45 a m	
42	Local passenger to Brookfield from Kansas City.				
6	R. & N. W. Way freight, east-bound.	10:00 p m	6:00 p m	3:19 p m	
92	Way freight, east-bound.	6:00 p m	3:19 p m	6:45 a m	
94	Way freight, east-bound.	6:00 p m	3:19 p m	6:45 a m	
96	Way freight to Brookfield.				
C. B. & K. C. ROAD.					
1	Local passenger for Carrollton.	3:15 p m	3:25 p m		
5	Way freight from Moulton.	3:15 p m	3:25 p m		
7	Way freight, south-bound.	8:00 a m	8:10 a m		
2	Local passenger north-bound.	11:25 a m	11:32 a m		
8	Way freight north-bound.	9:18 p m			
6	Way freight north-bound (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday).			7:45 a m	
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